

Glenda Wiles

From: John [john@numbum.net]
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2007 8:09 AM
To: Glenda Wiles
Subject: Good morning

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Hello, my name is John Eickert and I live near Stevensville. I am writing this note on behalf of Elizabeth Dunn. On April 27, a dog attacked Elizabeth, while at work. She works as a vet tech here in Ravalli County. I know what you are already thinking, but please read on, as this has become the problem and reason for this note. On Monday, the seventh Elizabeth contacted the county health agent about the dog, its rabies vaccination, and its quarantine. The county health agent did not immediately have the information available, had not been sent to her, a period of 11 days after the attack. The county health agent acquired the report and called Elizabeth, finding that the sheriff's report differed entirely from Elizabeth's given statement. Elizabeth called the sheriff's department to press charges. The lieutenant informed Elizabeth she could not press charges because of state law- veterinarian's rule. She understands this rule of law that is not the contention. I went to our country attorney's office to report there was information about the dog owner and the dog, which would nullify veterinarian's rule. The receptionist informed me, John Bell would call me back. He did not. I called again the next day with similar result. Here we live in a county with an "ordinance 16" a self prescribed comprehensive dog control document and no will from the governing body to enforce their own policy. The reason for the dog's visit at the vet clinic was to bring its rabies vaccination back into compliance after more than a year of lapse. That day, either the owner of the dog did not relate important safety information about the dog to the vet or the vet failed to inform Elizabeth, she was attacked, not a peripheral bite on arm or hand, but an attack to the face requiring two and a half hours from a plastic surgeon to close the wound. I am not a detective nor have I attempted to act as one, but just a little investigation yielded proof concerning the dog's disposition. The owner or the vet concealed knowledge about the dog from Elizabeth, the sheriff's department did not file an accurate report, the county did not view the dog daily during quarantine as per our own ordinance, the dog was not seen by a vet at the end of the quarantine period of ten days, the owner preferring to set his own standard of 13 days. I think there is more than sufficient evidence available to warrant at least an investigation. We are concerned that the dog will attack again. I have lived here a long time and have spent decades employed in animal husbandry. A dog, which attacks livestock, will not stop attacking livestock. There is a woman who works at the North Valley Library in Stevensville. Prior to moving here with her husband, she was the dangerous dog control officer for Miami, Florida for eight years. She is adamant that the dog will attack again. Elizabeth is a vet tech; as such, she does not relinquish any of her rights due her under the law nor is she a chew toy.

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Elizabeth A. Dunn 3060.7097 PO Box 164 Stevensville, Mt. 59870.
Physical address- 4697 Torrey Lane, Stevensville, Mt. Thank you for
looking into this, I am sorry but I guess I am just one of those people
who thinks the only way to continue to work forward and live in this
wonderful valley is to participate and assist our county government when
possible.

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